



Animal Rights Aruba urges the public to “Show you care and buy a bear!”

Roy Mezas, President of Animal Right Aruba, a foundation that protects animals and sees to their humane treatment, was pleased to announce a partnership with Mick and Liz Miller who have donated their entire inventory of “Grumblebears” to assist this cause.

During a press conference at the Sun Plaza Complex this week, where the ARA headquarters is located, Roy introduced the Millers, a couple from Flemington, New Jersey that took up full time residence in Aruba two years ago. He also introduced Martine Pantophlet, Office Manager, and Veterinarian Technician, who staffs the office, ready to provide assistance and information.

The Millers had a very successful business marketing Grumblebear products in their New Jersey shop and online for many years. The wide variety of stuffed creatures are all handmade works of art, most one of a kind, and fetch prices anywhere from \$15 to several hundred dollars based on the artist, materials and how it was crafted. They decided to donate their entire inventory to raise funds to assist Animal Rights Aruba in their important work, and 100% of all proceeds will go towards helping Aruba’s homeless animals.

Roy outlined the plans of ARA for 2007, which includes a neutering program at reduced rates to curb the population of unwanted dogs and cats, thus reducing the number of stray animals on the street. In addition, ARA is planning a series of visits to local schools to further their slogan “We save, we care, we educate.”

Tito Lacle, founder of the Aruba Golden Retrievers Foundation also presented to the Millers, along with Roy and Martine, a tee shirt from his group, which is working in cooperation with ARA for the proper treatment of animals.

The adorable inventory of Grumble bears can be seen and ordered at their website, www.grumblebears.com, or purchased at the ARA offices in Sun Plaza. For additional information about the work of Animal Rights Aruba, or to report an animal in distress, call their office at 593-5393 or 588-7709, or visit their website www.arubaanimals.org.